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## **Maywood Mayor Found Guilty of Animal Cruelty**

A jury today found Maywood Mayor Ramon Medina Mojarro guilty of neglecting to take care of his dog that he kept at his auto shop in 2015, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Jillian O'Neill said Mojarro (dob 9/16/59) was found guilty of one misdemeanor count each of cruelty to an animal and failure to care for an animal.

Sentencing in case 5CP05243 is scheduled for Sept. 7 in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch. Mojarro, who was not mayor at the time the crime occurred, faces a possible maximum sentence of one year in jail.

On Feb. 9, 2015, the pitbull mix named Hershey was taken to an animal shelter in Downey. According to evidence presented at the trial, she was emaciated, had severe muscle wasting, couldn't walk or eat and had to be euthanized.

Hershey had a chronic illness and had been suffering for a long period of time but had not been taken to a veterinarian, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control.

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